(b) if so, the details thereof as also the circumstances/pre-requisites etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Legal aid to poor persons in Madhya Pradesh

2045. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons who were provided Legal Aid in Madhya Pradesh during last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present procedure for obtaining legal aid is so cumbersome and complex that the poor and needy people fail to take advantage of the scheme;

(c) whether Government are planning to take any steps to decentralise the scheme of providing legal aid and also to make it simpler; and

(d) what is the average amount spent on legal aid every year in the country and what percentage of that is spent in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) As per information available with the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes 4,94,059 persons have been provided Legal Aid during the last three years *i.e.* 1985, 1986 and 1987.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Legal Aid is available in the State at the High Court, District and Tehsil levels. It is open to the eligible persons desirous of availing of free legal services to approach, either the State Board or the concerned District Legal Aid Committees, depending on the Court in which his case may be pending.

(d) Administration of Justice being the State subject, the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards are funded by the respective State Governments on financial year basis. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the total average amount spent on legal aid every year in the country or the percentage of that spent in Madhya Pradesh.

Relief to war Victims

2046. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the conditions of disabled war veterans are very much alarming in the country;

(b) whether Government have taken/propose to take any steps to provide adequate help to the war disabled; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). It is not correct to say that the condition of disabled war veterans is alarming. The Government is fully aware of their needs and demands and has taken adequate steps to provide help to war disabled.

(c) The details of the steps taken to provide adequate help to the war disabled are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

1. *War injury pension:*

In respect of persons invalided on or after 1-1-1986 due to disability sustained in battle or battle like conditions, the War Injury Pension for 100 per cent disability will be equal to reckonable emoluments last drawn on the date of invalidment. For lesser disability it would be reduced proportionately but in no case it would be less than 60 per cent of reckonable emoluments in the case of